

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A fixing device adapted to be fixed to a surface and to receive a perforated section, said device comprising[[:]] a single integral piece that is arranged to define a plate for fixing the device to the surface[[:;]] and a support for receiving the perforated section,

said support having two opposing walls substantially perpendicular to said plate that define an interior space between said two walls, each of said two walls having at least two claws adapted to cooperate with corresponding perforations of the perforated section, said at least two claws on one of said walls being bent along a first fold line in a first direction into the interior space and said at least two claws on the other of said two walls being bent along a second fold line parallel to the first fold line in the first direction away from the interior space,

at least one of said two walls having a locking lug adapted to be bent along a third fold line that is perpendicular to the first fold line and into one of the perforations to immobilize the perforated section relative to the fixing device.

12. (previously presented) The fixing device of claim 11, wherein said support is a generally rectangular tube having said two walls as opposing sides and two other walls as opposing other sides, and wherein one of said two walls is separated from an adjacent one of said other walls by a gap that is adapted to receive the perforated section.

13. (previously presented) The fixing device of claim 11, wherein the third fold line is generally parallel to a longitudinal axis of said support.

14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) The fixing device of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 11, wherein said support ~~is a generally rectangular tube having said wall on one side,~~ includes a further wall between said two opposing ~~said wall and two other walls as opposing other sides, and wherein said wall is separated from an adjacent one of said other walls by a gap that is adapted to receive the perforated section.~~

16. (new) A fixing device adapted to be fixed to a surface, comprising:

a plate for fixing the fixing device to the surface;
and

a support having at least three walls defining an interior space, each of said at least three walls being integral with and substantially perpendicular to said plate,

a first wall of an opposing pair of said at least three walls having plural first claws that are bent into the interior space along a first fold line and a second wall of said opposing pair having plural second claws that are bent out of the interior space along a second fold line parallel to the first fold line, at least one of said first and second walls having a locking lug that is bent along a third fold line that is perpendicular to the first fold line.

17. (new) The fixing device of claim 16, wherein the interior space has a longitudinal axis perpendicular to said plate, and wherein the third fold line is parallel to the longitudinal axis.

18. (new) The fixing device of claim 16, wherein said support has four of said at least three walls and wherein said support has one corner at which an adjacent pair of said four walls are separated by a gap.

19. (new) The fixing device of claim 18, further comprising a perforated section that is generally U-shaped, said section having a base that is in said gap and abutting one of said four walls other than said opposing pair of walls, said section having a first arm that is inside the interior space and that has first perforations in which said first claws are received and a second arm that is outside the interior space and that has second perforations in which said second claws are

received, said locking lug being received in one of said first and second perforations.

20. (new) The fixing device of claim 18, where said support has three corners at which adjacent ones of said four walls are directly attached to each other.

21. (new) The fixing device of claim 18, wherein said gap extends along an entire length of said support and wherein said adjacent ones of said four walls that are directly attached to each other at said three corners are directly attached to each other along the entire length of said support.

22. (new) The fixing device of claim 16, further comprising a perforated section having a first arm that is inside the interior space and that has first perforations in which said first claws are received and a second arm that is outside the interior space and that has second perforations in which said second claws are received, said locking lug being received in one of said first and second perforations.

23. (new) The fixing device of claim 16, wherein each of said first and second claws is also bent along a fourth fold line parallel to and spaced from respective ones of said first and second fold lines, so that a distal end portion of each of said first and second claws is parallel to a respective one of said first and second walls.